



Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

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is the convocation to the meeting.

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of the meeting to be held in Paris on:

Tuesday, 12 December 2023 from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 from 09:30 to 13:00

**Venue: Office of the Council of Europe, 55 avenue Kléber, Paris 16th, Tel.: + 33 1 44 05 33 60
(Metro: Boissière)**

Tuesday 12 December 2023, from 09:30 to 18:00

1. Agenda

[AS/Pol (2023) OJ 08rev]

Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Pol (2023) PV 07, AS/Pol (2023) PV 07add]

Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the October part-session 2023

3. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

[AS/Pol (2023) 34]

Hearing with the participation of Ambassador Haim Assaraf, Permanent Mission of Israel to Multilateral Organizations in France

4. Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD

[DD(2022)200]

[AS/Pol (2023) 36, [AS/Bur \(2023\) 64](#)]

- Statement by the rapporteur following her fact-finding visit to Kosovo* from 1st to 3 November
- Consideration of an introductory memorandum

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

5. Call for a national political reform process in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation

6. Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Helsinki Dialogue

[Invitation, AS/Pol/Inf (2023) 06rev, AS/Pol/Inf (2023) 11, List of candidates]

Approval of the composition of the ad hoc sub-committee

7. Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro, Spain, EPP/CD

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- Consideration of an introductory memorandum
- Statement by the rapporteur

8. Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly

Rapporteur: Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou, Greece, EPP/CD

[[Doc. 15871](#), [Doc. 15872](#)]

- Consideration of 10 amendments to the draft resolution contained in the opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- Statement by the rapporteur on his participation in the meeting of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe (CCJ) on 23 October 2023 (online)

9. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe? [2.30 pm]

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

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Hearing with the participation of Ambassador Hala Abou Hassira, Head of the Mission of Palestine to France

10. The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy [3.30 pm]

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD

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- Hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Nataliia Shapoval, Kyiv School of Economics (online)
 - Mr Benjamin Hilgenstock, Kyiv School of Economics
 - Mr Craig Kennedy, Harvard University (online)
- Consideration of an outline report

11. General Rapporteur on Democracy

[[Terms of reference](#)]

Appointment (to take effect as from the January 2024 part-session)

12. Work programme

[AS/Pol (2023) WP 08]

12.1. Invitation to hold a meeting in Oslo on 30-31 May 2024 [Letter]

12.2. Appointment of rapporteurs for reports

- Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly's relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council [[Doc. 15807](#)]
- Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic [[Doc. 15810](#)]

12.3. Call for candidates for reports

- Strengthening democracy through participatory and deliberative processes [[Doc. 15848](#)]
- Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security [[Doc. 15605](#)] (*tbc*)

13. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans

Former rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC

[AS/Pol/WB (2023) CB 01, Summary]

Follow up to the conference on "Inter-parliamentary dialogue to further promote the European integration of the Western Balkans" (Skopje, 20 October 2023)

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14. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a preliminary draft resolution

15. The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Tural Ganjaliyev, Azerbaijan, EC/DA

[AS/Pol (2023) 28, [Doc. 15832](#)]

Consideration and approval of a draft opinion to the report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

16. Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Lulzim Basha, Albania, EPP/CD

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

17. Work programme (cont'd)

[AS/Pol (2023) WP 08]

17.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

- Strengthening democracy through participatory and deliberative processes [[Doc. 15848](#)]
- Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security [[Doc. 15605](#)] (*tbc*)

17.2. Declaration of interests

Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

17.3. References for consultation

- A parliamentary sponsorship programme between the Parliamentary Assembly members and human rights defenders or the politically oppressed [[Doc. 15752](#)]
- Self-determination and territorial integrity in the 21st century [[Doc. 15816](#)]
- Responding to the violent attacks in the North of Kosovo [[Doc. 15845](#)]

18. Authorisations by the Committee

19. Other business

Call for nominations for the 2024 Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment [[Press release](#)]

20. Next meetings

- 11-12 January 2024, Helsinki – Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Helsinki Dialogue
- January part-session (22-26 January 2024), Strasbourg
- 5 March 2024, Paris
- April part-session (15-19 April 2024), Strasbourg
- 30 and 31 May 2024, Oslo (Subject to the Committee's decision and the authorisation of the Bureau)
- June part-session (24-28 June 2024), Strasbourg
- 9 September 2024, Paris
- October part-session (30 September - 4 October 2024), Strasbourg
- 11 December 2024, Paris